liberalised economy of Trinidad & Tobago and a sizeable presence of population of Indian origin offer scope for India to expand its exports to that country. The scope for expansion is limited, however, by the small size of the market and the distance involved. Government facilitates exports through dissemination of trade information.

Export of flowers

2367. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flowers of different varieties are exported from our country;

(b) if so, what is the amount earned from such exports during the last three years; and

(c) what are the names of the countries to which such exports were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Amount earned from exports of fresh and dried flowers during the last 3 years has been as under:—

Year	Value Rs./Lakhs Value
1989-90* . .	27.30
1990-91** . .	260.29
1991-92†* . .	683.30

* Returns filled by exporters with APEDA.

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(c) Export of flowers has been mainly to Netherlands, USA, UK, Germany and UAE.

Foreign exchange earned through exports

2368. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is earning huge amount of foreign exchange through exports of garments, leather goods, items of stationery and jewellery.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage those engaged in this occupation and popularise Indian Garments, leather goods (including leather garments), items of stationery and jewellery in foreign country as well as in India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The value of exports of garments, leather goods, stationery and jewellery during the years 1989-

90, 1990-91, 1991-92 and April- October 92 are given below:—

(Rs. crores)

Items	Exports			
	1989-90 (P)	90-91	91-92	Apr-Oc 92 (P)
Garments	3227	4013	5422	384
Leather goods	1366	1879	2439	183
Stationery	9	11	24	1
Jewellery (incl. Imitation jewellery)	267	325	695	46

P: Provisional

(c) The Government has always adopted a responsive and flexible approach to providing facilities to exporters. Steps taken for export promotion comprises measures, such as allowing import of capital goods at concessional duties for export production, making available quality raw material, participation in buyer-seller meets, fairs and exhibitions abroad and organising man-power training.

Economic Co-operation with Spain

2369. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleaed to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up economic co-operation with Spain;

(b) whether it was decided during the last trip of the Spanish Prime Minister; and

(c) if so, the details of the Indo-Spanish joint collaboration proposed to be established?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Govenment is making efforts to expand and diversify Indo-Spanish trade and economic relation. In this regard, during the recer visit of the Spanish Prime Ministe several areas of bilateral co-opera toin were indentified, including se ting up of joint ventures in machin tools, ship-building, food processin and fisheries, and utilisation c these facilities for export to thir countries. Besides, the Indo-Spanis Joint Business Council has bee reactivated for catalysing the nev impetus.

Export of Foodgrains

2370. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Wil the Minister of COMMERCE b pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opposed the large scale export of foodgrains and totally opposed the export of coarse foodgrains; and

(b) whether Govt. are exporting superfine rice and if so, the details of its export during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTERY OF COMMERCE (SHRI